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BEGIN TEXT

AS WE BEGIN OUR IMPORTANT DELIBERATIONS TODAY, IT IS  
WORTH KEEPING IN MIND HOW FAR WE HAVE COME OVER THE PAST  
THIRTY YEARS.

MANY OF OUR NATIONS THREE DECADES AGO FACED BASIC  
QUESTIONS:

COULD DEMOCRATIC FORMS OF GOVERNMENT SURVIVE?

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COULD WE OVERCOME THE RAVAGES AND DIVISIONS OF WAR AND  
BUILD A SYSTEM OF COOPERATION TO FOSTER PROSPERITY AND  
PEACE?

COULD THE INDUSTRIAL NATIONS HOPE FOR ANY KIND OF CON-  
STRUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH EMERGING NEW COUNTRIES?

DID THOSE NEW NATIONS HAVE, IN TURN, ANY REAL CHANCE  
FOR SURVIVAL?

IF WE VIEW OUR PROBLEMS TODAY AGAINST PROBLEMS OF THAT  
(UNDERLINED) TIME, AND THE PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE IN  
RESOLVING THEM, WE CAN CONCLUDE THAT THE FUTURE HOLDS  
PROMISE FOR US.

OUR HOPE OF THIRTY YEARS AGO AND THE IMPULSE THAT LED TO  
THE FOUNDING OF THE OEEC AND THIS ORGANIZATION WAS OUR  
COMMON DEDICATION TO AN IDEAL OF HUMAN PROGRESS.

I BELIEVE THAT IT IS THAT HOPE AND DEDICATION WHICH HOLD  
US TOGETHER STILL. I VALUE THIS MEETING AS AN OCCASION  
TO CONFIRM THE COMMITMENT OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION  
TO THE OECD. WE CONSIDER THIS ORGANIZATION UNIQUE AND  
ITS ROLE ESSENTIAL. IT IS THE MAJOR FORUM FOR ECONOMIC  
MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION AMONG THE INDUSTRIAL DEMO-  
CRACIES.

THAT, WE RECOGNIZE, IS A MAJOR UNDERTAKING. THE  
CHALLENGE BEFORE US IS GREAT: NOT JUST TO NOURISH OUR  
OWN WELL-BEING, BUT TO MAKE THE WORLD ECONOMY WORK  
BETTER--WITH GROWTH, EQUITY, AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

WE ARE ENTERING A NEW POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ERA IN THE  
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WORLD. IN THAT ERA, NORTH-SOUTH CONFRONTATION AND  
NORTHERN RIVALRIES MUST BE REPLACED BY NEW POLICIES  
BASED ON COOPERATION AND COMMON ACTION. THIS WILL MEAN:

--IMPROVED ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG THE  
INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS;

--A NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH THE DEVELOPING NATIONS, AND

--INCREASED DISCOURSE WITH THE STATE-TRADING NATIONS.

POLITICAL IMPERATIVE FOR THE OECD NATIONS (UNDERLINED)

A NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SOUTH AND NEW DISCOURSE WITH  
THE EAST DEPEND, FIRST, ON THE STATE OF OUR OWN NATIONS.  
WE BEAR THE MAIN RESPONSIBILITY FOR ASSURING THE KIND OF  
ECONOMIC RECOVERY THAT TRANSLATES INTO A BETTER LIFE FOR  
INDIVIDUALS EVERYWHERE.

ECONOMIC DECISIONS ARE ONLY PART OF THAT ENTERPRISE. A  
FUNDAMENTAL DIMENSION IS POLITICAL. CAN WE BRING OUR  
SHARED VALUES, TRADITIONS, AND ASPIRATIONS TO BEAR ON

OUR ECONOMIC PROBLEMS? I BELIEVE THAT WE CAN AND WILL.

WE HAVE TAKEN STEPS TO CONFIRM THAT RESOLVE. DEMOCRACY HAS BEEN TESTED--AND FOUND WORKING. ALL OUR MEMBERS TODAY ENJOY REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT. PORTUGAL, SPAIN, AND GREECE HAVE OUR SUPPORT, AS THEY STRIVE TO STRENGTHEN THEIR DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS.

OUR COMMITMENT TO ECONOMIC COOPERATION HAS BEEN TRIED--AND FOUND UNSHAKEN. THE DOWNING STREET SUMMIT AND OTHER RECENT MEETINGS OF HEADS OF GOVERNMENT REFLECT SIGNIFICANT COLLECTIVE ENDEAVOR. WE LOOK FORWARD TO MAINTAINING THE MOMENTUM ATTAINED AT THOSE MEETINGS.

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LET ME SKETCH A FEW ITEMS, SOME OF WHICH SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL WILL DISCUSS FURTHER TOMORROW.

--WE MUST ASSURE SUSTAINED ECONOMIC RECOVERY (UNDERLINE ENTIRE SENTENCE). WE SHOULD ESTABLISH NATIONAL TARGETS FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND OBJECTIVES FOR STABILI-

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ZATION, TOGETHER WITH OUR OECD COMMITMENT TO MORE RAPID GROWTH THIS NEXT YEAR.

-- WE MUST OVERCOME BOTH UNEMPLOYMENT (UNDERLINED) AND INFLATION (UNDERLINED) WHICH SAP OUR ECONOMIC STRENGTH AND IMPERIL SUPPORT FOR OUR POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS. SINCE UNEMPLOYMENT HITS THE YOUNG ESPECIALLY HARD, THE UNITED STATES FAVORS THE CONVENING OF AN OECD-SPONSORED "CONFERENCE ON JOBS FOR YOUTH."

-- WE MUST REJECT PROTECTIONISM AND EXPAND TRADE (UNDERLINED). WE BELIEVE THIS MINISTERIAL SHOULD RENEW THE OECD TRADE PLEDGE AND DETERMINE HOW BEST TO RESOLVE TRADE PROBLEMS AFFECTING OUR DOMESTIC INDUSTRIES BEFORE (UNDERLINED) THEY BECOME CRISES. WE WILL PRESS FOR SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS THIS YEAR IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, AND ADVANCE WORK TO PROHIBIT IMPROPER CONDUCT AND ILLICIT PAYMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE.

-- WE MUST ADDRESS KEY QUESTIONS OF FINANCE (WHOLE SENTENCE UNDERLINED). BOTH SURPLUS AND DEFICIT COUNTRIES UNCLASSIFIED

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MUST TAKE DOMESTIC STEPS TO BRING ABOUT EXTERNAL ADJUSTMENT. WE ARE NOW ENGAGED IN EFFORTS TO INCREASE THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO FINANCE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DEFICITS THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND. IF, CONTRARY TO OUR EXPECTATIONS, THESE EFFORTS ARE NOT SUCCESSFUL, THEN WE SHOULD JOINTLY EXAMINE PRESENT AND PROJECTED FINANCIAL FACILITIES IN THE IMF AND CONSIDER WHAT SHOULD BE DONE ABOUT THE OECD FINANCIAL SUPPORT FUND. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER ALL AVAILABLE ALTERNATIVES INCLUDING THE OECD FUND.

-- ENERGY (UNDERLINED), FINALLY, IS A PARTICULAR CHALLENGE TO THE POLITICAL PURPOSE AND COHESION OF THE INDUSTRIAL NATIONS. OVER-DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED OIL UNDERSCORES OUR POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC VULNERABILITY. THE OUTLOOK IS NOT GOOD -- UNLESS WE INTENSIFY EFFORTS WITHIN AND AMONG OUR NATIONS.

PRESIDENT CARTER IS FIRM IN HIS DETERMINATION TO IMPLEMENT OUR NATIONAL ENERGY PLAN. HE KNOWS THAT WE MUST REDUCE VULNERABILITY TO EMBARGO AND PRICE INCREASES, AND THAT WE MUST BEGIN TO ADJUST NOW TO THE POST-PETROLEUM AGE.

WE MUST ALSO MATCH OUR DOMESTIC PROGRAMS WITH STRONGER INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS -- BOTH TO CONSERVE ENERGY AND TO

INCREASE AND DIVERSIFY SOURCES OF SUPPLY. WE MUST EXCHANGE VITAL TECHNOLOGY AND ENTER INTO JOINT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT. THE OCTOBER MINISTERIAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY SHOULD CONFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO TARGETS FOR REDUCED DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED OIL.

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NUCLEAR ENERGY IS A FIELD OF SPECIAL INTEREST. THE UNITED STATES REMAINS COMMITTED TO THE USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY AND TO THE SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS THAT MAINTAINS THE CRITICAL DISTANCE BETWEEN CIVILIAN AND MILITARY USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY. HOWEVER, IF WE ARE TO MEET BOTH THE SECURITY AND ENERGY NEEDS OF OUR PEOPLES, WE MUST FIND WAYS TO MAINTAIN AN EFFECTIVE SAFEGUARDS SYSTEM AS WE APPROACH THE PLUTONIUM GENERATION OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY.

FOR THAT REASON, WE HAVE OPPOSED THE PREMATURE (UNDERLINED) ENTRY INTO A PLUTONIUM ECONOMY UNTIL WE HAVE FOUND WAYS TO RECONCILE OUR ENERGY AND SECURITY CONCERNS. IT IS IN THIS SPIRIT THAT WE HAVE SUGGESTED A STUDY OF THESE QUESTIONS IN THE INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION PROGRAM.

THE COMBINED CHALLENGE OF THESE ISSUES BEFORE THE OECD -- THE NEED FOR SUSTAINED ECONOMIC RECOVERY...UNEMPLOYMENT AND INFLATION...TRADE...FINANCE AND ENERGY -- HAS A GLOBAL SCOPE. IT ALSO AFFECTS DIRECTLY THE GREAT CITIES OF OUR COUNTRIES. ALTHOUGH URBAN DECAY AND SOCIAL MALAISE PRECEDED THESE PROBLEMS, MANY HAVE GROWN WORSE BECAUSE OF THEM.

THE CITY OF THE SEVENTIES TOO OFTEN HAS AN INHUMANE FACE.

WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND BETTER THE IMPACT FROM THE INTERACTION OF DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC TRENDS ON THE PLACE WHERE MOST OF OUR CITIZENS LIVE. THE UNITED STATES THEREFORE PROPOSES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON URBAN CONCERNS TO PREPARE A DRAFT ACTION PROGRAM FOR OUR CONSIDERATION NEXT YEAR.

EAST-WEST ECONOMIC RELATIONS (ALL UNDERLINED)  
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NO PURSUIT OF GLOBAL ECONOMIC WELFARE CAN BE COMPLETE WITHOUT REFERENCE TO THE NATIONS OF THE EAST. THE OECD HAS DONE A GOOD JOB IN UNDERTAKING FACTUAL AND ANALYTIC STUDIES OF EAST-WEST ECONOMIC RELATIONS. I WANT PARTICULARLY TO CONGRATULATE THE SECRETARY GENERAL FOR HIS LEADERSHIP ON THE EAST-WEST PROJECT.

WE MUST ENGAGE THE COMECON NATIONS IN OUR SHARED ECONOMIC CHALLENGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. THEY, LIKE US, CAN AND SHOULD HELP ADDRESS ISSUES IN THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE. WE BOTH HAVE A MORAL AND A PRACTICAL INTEREST IN INCREASING THE FLOW OF RESOURCES AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE DEVELOPING WORLD.

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WE SHOULD URGE THE COMECON COUNTRIES TO JOIN US IN SEEKING GENUINE, APOLITICAL SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS OF GLOBAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. TO BE MORE SPECIFIC:

--THEY CAN IMPROVE THE QUALITY AND INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THEIR DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, THROUGH BOTH BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL PROGRAMS.

--THEY CAN CONTRIBUTE TO WORLD FOOD SECURITY BY PARTICIPATING IN ARRANGEMENTS SOUGHT UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE INTERNATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL.

--THEY CAN HELP ESTABLISH EQUITABLE MULTILATERAL  
ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMODITIES.

RELATIONS WITH DEVELOPING NATIONS (ALL UNDERLINED)

IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO WORRY ABOUT OUR OWN WELFARE OR SEEK  
MORE COOPERATION FROM THE EAST. THAT LIMITED PERSPECTIVE  
OVERLOOKS MORE THAN HALF OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION AND A  
FAR GREATER PERCENTAGE OF COUNTRIES. SOLUTIONS TO OUR  
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PROBLEMS REST ON THE REALIZATION THAT OUR PROBLEMS ARE  
LINKED TO THOSE OF THE THIRD WORLD--AND THAT THE  
ASPIRATIONS OF OUR CITIZENS ARE SIMILAR TO THEIRS.

LET ME BE CLEAR ON TWO POINTS:

--FIRST, THE GOALS AND VALUES OF OUR SOCIETIES--  
ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, AND HUMANITARIAN--CANNOT BE  
ACHIEVED FULLY, IN ISOLATION FROM TRENDS IN DEVELOPING  
NATIONS.

--SECOND, WE MUST UNDERSTAND THAT IN RELATIONS  
BETWEEN DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED NATIONS, WHAT ONE SIDE  
GAINS IS NOT NECESSARILY THE OTHER SIDE'S LOSS.

RELATIONS BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING NATIONS NEED  
NOT SPAWN CONFLICT. WE HAVE CONCLUDED AN ERA WHEN THE  
CENTRAL QUESTION WAS WHETHER TO COOPERATE. WE HAVE BEGUN  
A PERIOD IN WHICH WE MUST DEVELOP THE MEANS AND INSTITU-  
TIONS FOR COOPERATION.

THAT IS THE CORNER WE HAVE TURNED AT CIEC. THE OECD MUST  
NOW TAKE PART IN THIS NEW START. TOGETHER WE MUST MAIN-  
TAIN CONTINUING COOPERATION AMONG OURSELVES AND WITH OUR  
COUNTERPARTS IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD.

--WE THEREFORE URGE THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THIS  
ORGANIZATION TO BRING ABOUT MORE EFFECTIVE COORDINATION  
OF OECD EFFORTS IN NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES, TO PROPOSE OPTIONS  
FOR DISCUSSION IN THE UNITED NATIONS THIRD DEVELOPMENT  
DECADE AND TO FORMULATE LONGER-TERM STRATEGY AND  
INITIATIVES OF MUTUAL BENEFIT TO THE NORTH AND SOUTH.

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--WE ALSO RECOMMEND THAT THIS CONFERENCE ENDORSE THE PROPOSED DECLARATION ON RELATIONS WITH DEVELOPING NATIONS. THIS DECLARATION EXPRESSES OUR SHARED POLITICAL COMMITMENT TO THE SEARCH FOR MORE BENEFICIAL METHODS OF COOPERATION. IT, TOO, COULD SIGNAL A NEW BEGINNING.

AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE DECLARATION STRESSES INCREASED ATTENTION TO THE BASIC HUMAN NEEDS OF ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD. THE OLD AGENDA FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND MANY OF THE OLD ISSUES FOR NEGOTIATION ARE NO LONGER ENOUGH. WE NEED MORE FOCUS ON THAT PART OF THE WORLD POPULATION THAT LACKS ESSENTIAL FOOD, WATER, SHELTER, AND HEALTH CARE, AS WELL AS EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION. WE MUST DIRECT OUR EFFORTS TO MEET MORE EFFECTIVELY THE NEEDS OF THE POOREST PEOPLES IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD.

THE CASE FOR MORE CONCERTED ACTION IS CLEAR. ALMOST ONE BILLION PEOPLE LIVE IN ABSOLUTE POVERTY. THE PROBLEM IS GROWING. INCREASES IN GNP FOR MANY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE NOT (UNDERLINED) MEANT INCREASED BENEFITS FOR THE POOR. FOR MANY, IN FACT, LIFE IS WORSE. DEVELOPMENT HAS TOO OFTEN NOT "TRICKLED DOWN."

KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AND THE ABILITY TO OVERCOME POVERTY ARE NOW WITHIN OUR GRASP. WHAT WE MISS IS THE JOINT RECOGNITION BY DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING NATIONS THAT THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE IS ABOUT HUMAN (UNDERLINED) BEINGS (UNDERLINED) AND THAT "EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY" FOR A FULLER LIFE MAKES SENSE FOR PEOPLE (UNDERLINED), NOT JUST STATES.

LET ME SUGGEST HOW WE MIGHT BEGIN.

FIRST, WE MUST MARSHAL A SENSE OF OUR MEANS AND PRIORITIES. FOR THAT PURPOSE, I PROPOSE THAT THE OECD ESTABLISH A SPECIAL WORKING GROUP MANDATED TO DESIGN A UNCLASSIFIED

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"PROGRAM FOR BASIC HUMAN NEEDS." THAT PROGRAM SHOULD PROFIT FROM THE WORK IN THE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE AND SHOULD BE PRESENTED FOR DISCUSSION AT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN SPECIAL SESSION BY THE END OF THIS YEAR. THE PROGRAM SHOULD INCLUDE:

--PROJECTIONS OF DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT A SUCCESSFUL APPROACH TO BASIC HUMAN NEEDS;

--PROPOSALS FOR SHARING COSTS AMONG DEVELOPED AND



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-- AGREEMENT ON MEASURES NEEDED TO USE THOSE  
RESOURCES MOST EFFECTIVELY.

SECOND, WE MUST ENGAGE THE INTEREST AND EXPERTISE OF THE  
DEVELOPING NATIONS THEMSELVES. WE NEED TO SHARE PER-  
SPECTIVES ON A SHARED PROBLEM. NO STRATEGY FOR DEVELOP-  
MENT CAN SUCCEED WITHOUT REQUISITE POLITICAL WILL  
WITHIN THIRD WORLD NATIONS. FOR THAT PURPOSE, WE SHOULD  
ENCOURAGE CONSULTATIONS AND EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY THE KINDS  
OF POLICY CHANGES REQUIRED TO ADDRESS BASIC HUMAN NEEDS  
AND SUGGEST MEANS FOR JUDGING PROGRESS.

THIRD, WE MUST MOVE SWIFTLY TO EXPAND ON SPECIFIC PRO-  
POSALS FOR AN AGENDA ON BASIC HUMAN NEEDS. IT SHOULD  
INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENTS:

-- RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND FOOD PRODUCTION (ALL UNDER-  
LINED): WE MUST GIVE GREATER PRIORITY TO THE DEVELOPMENT  
OF THE THIRD WORLD'S RURAL AREAS WHERE THE GREAT MAJORITY  
OF THE POOREST PEOPLE LIVE. WE MUST BEGIN WITH AN INTE-  
GRATED STRATEGY WHICH EMPHASIZES INCREASED FOOD PRODUC-  
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TION AND BETTER NUTRITION IN THESE AREAS.

-- HEALTH (UNDERLINED): AT THE SAME TIME WE MUST EMPHASIZE PREVENTIVE MEDICINE, FAMILY PLANNING, PRENATAL CARE AND OTHER FORMS OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE WHICH, WITH MINIMAL COST, COULD MEAN THE MOST FOR THE POOREST. AGAIN, THE RELATION TO AN OVERALL STRATEGY FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT IS KEY: INCREASES IN PRODUCTIVE EMPLOYMENT AND CROP YIELDS CAN HELP MAKE BETTER NUTRITION POSSIBLE AND BRING BETTER HEALTH FOR MORE PEOPLE.

-- EDUCATION (UNDERLINED): EDUCATION DESERVES A SIMILAR PRIORITY. WE SHOULD STRESS PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION AND PROMOTE "ON-THE-JOB" TECHNICAL TRAINING. THE GOAL IS TO ENHANCE THE CAPACITY FOR PRODUCTIVE EMPLOYMENT AND PROVIDE A WAY OUT OF ABSOLUTE POVERTY.

TWO AREAS RELATED TO ANY HUMAN-NEEDS STRATEGY OF IMPORT IN THEIR OWN RIGHT:

-- WOMEN (UNDERLINED): ALTHOUGH POVERTY STRIKES ALL, IN MANY COUNTRIES, WOMEN SUFFER MORE THAN DO MEN FROM POOR HEALTH, LITTLE OR NO SCHOOLING, AND MEAGER DIET. THEIR TRADITIONAL ROLES OFTEN KEEP WOMEN OUT OF THE PAID WORK FORCE AND LOCK THEM INTO LOW STATUS. THERE IS A DIRECT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN AND SMALLER FAMILIES. HIGH BIRTH RATES BOTH REFLECT THE SPECIFIC SITUATION OF MANY WOMEN AND REINFORCE THE GENERAL CYCLE OF POVERTY. RELEASE FROM RURAL POVERTY MAY WELL BEGIN WITH THE REAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL EMANCIPATION OF WOMEN.

-- ECOLOGICAL DISASTER (UNDERLINED): FINALLY, A  
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SUBSTANTIAL PART OF ABSOLUTE POVERTY STEMS FROM THE TOLL TAKEN OVER TIME BY ECOLOGICAL DISASTER, AS IN THE SAHEL. THE POOR BEAR A DISPROPORTIONATE BURDEN WHEN OVERPOPULATION, ECONOMIC UNDERDEVELOPMENT, AND ECOLOGICAL OVERSTRESS INTERACT. DEVELOPING NATIONS, WITH TWO-THIRDS OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION, SUFFER 90 PERCENT OF DISASTER-RELATED DEATHS.

THE OECD HAS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT EMERGING EFFORTS IN THE UNITED NATIONS AND TO WORK WITH DEVELOPING NATIONS ON MEANS TO PROVIDE LONGER-TERM ALLEVIATION OF ECOLOGICAL DISASTER. EFFORTS AT EARLY WARNING AND ACCESS TO FOOD RESERVES ARE AMONG MEASURES WHICH

ADDRESS THE CORE OF BASIC HUMAN NEEDS.

OBVIOUSLY, ATTENTION TO BASIC HUMAN NEEDS IS ONLY PART OF A BROADER STRATEGY FOR DEVELOPMENT. IT SHOULD NOT SUPPLANT OTHER IMPORTANT EFFORTS AT ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT WHICH THIS ORGANIZATION HAS SUPPORTED AND WHICH HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE THIRD WORLD. TO SUPPLANT OTHER ONGOING EFFORTS IS NOT OUR PURPOSE. WE WISH TO ADD A VITAL DIMENSION. IF WE DO NOT DO SO, WE RUN THE RISK OF LOSING THE SUPPORT OF OUR LEGISLATIVE BODIES AND PEOPLES.

IT IS IN MEETING THE CHALLENGE OF FULFILLING BASIC HUMAN NEEDS THAT BOTH DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING NATIONS CAN MORE FIRMLY ESTABLISH THEIR JOINT COMMITMENT TO INDIVIDUAL HUMAN DIGNITY. WE THUS LOOK FORWARD TO MAKING THIS CONCERN MORE CENTRAL TO THE NEW RELATIONSHIP AND TO MOVING TOWARD MORE SPECIFIC PROGRAMS FOR IMPLEMENTATION BY THE TIME WE MEET NEXT YEAR.

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AT THE BEGINNING, I POINTED TO THE PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE  
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TOGETHER. IT HAS BEEN A LONG, HARD BUT REWARDING ROAD WE HAVE TRAVELED.

BUT, WE HAVE LEFT ONE DESTINATION WITHOUT REACHING ANOTHER. WE ARE IN TRANSIT TO A NEW ERA OF COOPERATION AND COMMON ACTION.

IN PRACTICAL TERMS OUR JOURNEY WILL INVOLVE GOING BEYOND NEW DIRECTIONS FOR INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACIES, NEW DISCOURSE WITH STATE-TRADING NATIONS, AND NEW RELATIONSHIPS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IT WILL TAKE USE TO A FIRMER FOCUS ON PEOPLE. IT IS THE INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE HOPE OF PEOPLE, THEIR RIGHTS, AND THEIR NEEDS THAT DESERVE THE FULLEST MEASURE OF OUR DEDICATION.  
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